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ODESSA PASTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that yesterday, David Adjani, the 40-year-old pastor of African Missions Center in Odessa, Texas, plead guilty to fraud and identity theft. As a result of his guilty plea, Adjani faces a minimum of two and a maximum of 20 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000 and will be ordered to pay full restitution to all identified victims.

According to court documents, Adjani worked as a car salesman with All American Chevrolet in Odessa, Texas, from August 2006 to June 2007. During this time, he used his position as a salesman to obtain the credit histories and personal identification information of his customers. Without their knowledge or consent, Adjani sent that information to various credit card companies, falsely claimed that the customers were officers in Adjani's church and fraudulently represented that they wanted corporate credit cards. When the cards were issued, Adjani used them for his own personal benefit.

The defendant has been in custody since his March 18, 2008, arrest at Houston Intercontinental Airport. A sentencing date has not been set. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Glenn Roque Jackson.